

St John's Lutheran Church – Bennington
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THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S

- Sunday: 30th - Worship – 9 AM
- Monday: 31st - Pastor in Office – 10 AM
- Wednesday: 2nd - Pastor in Office – 4 PM
Confirmation starts– 7 PM
- Thursday: 3rd - Brenda in Office – 9 AM
Pastor in Office – 10 AM
- Sunday: 6th - Worship w/ Communion – **9 AM**

About today: *The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God’s words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn’t grasp Jesus’ words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world. (Sundays and Seasons)*

Celebrating Women Event with Anna Weepie has been cancelled for today and postponed until the November Thankoffering service.

School Supply Drive – Thank you to all who have brought in items for the school supply drive! We’ll assemble the backpacks in two weeks! Your generosity will help 40 students locally and globally have supplies for school.

Potluck clipboard will be coming around today for our September 13 welcome Sunday. Please note the categories and sign up for something that works for you and your family. We look forward to sharing a meal together as we return to 10 AM church.

School has started back up so please be aware of students walking, riding or driving to school, and stay alert for the school buses.

Did you know? Hymn 656 has its origin in a story. The tale usually told is that in 1772, John Fawcett was leaving his church in Wainsgate to go to one in London with bags packed and wagon loaded when the people and his wife prevailed upon him to stay. In response, it is said, he wrote this hymn.

Prayer of the Day **Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost** **8/30/26**
O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Ministers of Worship

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| TODAY: | NEXT WEEK: |
| Accompanist: Kevin Du | Accompanist: Pastor Beth |
| Lector: Drew Speer | Lector: Denise Pierce |
| Zoom Operator: Kirby Marquart | Zoom Operator: Denise Pierce |
| Acolyte: Deacons | Acolyte: Deacons |
| Ushers: Willy Wolff | Ushers: Greg, Denise and Justin |
| Jerry Mixdorf | Pierce |
| | Communion Servers: Jim Mixdorf |

Fellowship

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| TODAY: | NEXT WEEK: |
| Clayton and Hannah Zuck | Self-Serve |
| Family | |

Attendance

Last Sunday’s Attendance: 62 plus 1 Zoom
Last Month Attendance Average: 37

Important Dates to Remember:

--**Confirmation** starts this Wednesday, September 2, at 7 PM. Students are to bring bible, doodle book and something to write with.

--**Last Sunday 9 AM Church** is September 6; **10 AM church starts September 13.**

--**Welcome Sunday** is September 13, at 10 AM with worship followed by a potluck and service projects. Indoor projects will include packing the backpacks and working on our mats; outdoor projects will include tree trimming and brush hauling. Please bring tools and safety equipment as you’re able. If you have a truck or a trailer to haul brush away, we’d appreciate it!

--**LYO** starts back up on Sunday, September 13. Stay for the potluck, work on the service projects and help plan for the year!

--**Sunday School** starts back up on September 20, at 9 AM. This year, we begin the tradition of welcoming our 3 year old preschool students to Sunday School with a Frolic Preschool Bible. Grade levels will be PreK-K; 1-3; 4-6.

Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.
–Psalm 26:3

Order of Service
Blue Book

- Prelude
- GATHER**
- Welcome and Announcements
- Gathering Song** **ELW # 655**
- #Greeting p. 46
- #Scripture Song p. 47
- #Prayer of the Day (see left)
- Children’s Message
- WORD**
- Scripture Readings
- First Lesson: Jeremiah 15:15-21
- Second Lesson: Romans 12:9-21
- #Gospel acclamation p. 48
- #The Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28
- Sermon
- Hymn of the Day** **ELW # 798**
- #Apostles’ Creed p. 49
- #Confession and Forgiveness p. 50
- #Sharing the Peace
- Offering
- #Offertory Song p. 50
- #Offertory Prayer p. 51
- #Prayers of Intercession
- #The Lord’s Prayer p. 52
- SEND**
- #Blessing p. 53
- Sending Song:** **ELW # 656**
- Kids meet pastor in back during last verse of song to help; congregation response is “And have fun doing it!***
- #Dismissal p. 53
- #Postlude
- # - Please stand as you are able
- WOV - Blue Book**
- ELW – Cranberry Book**